MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are the Government aware of the contents of the petition dated 27-3-1108, the petition that was given after 25-1-1108?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Chief Engineer himself had received certain representations before he received the petitions now referred to by the member, and he has himself taken action on them. He had called upon the Division Officer to make immediate arrangements for the work. The Chief Engineer then forwarded the subsequent petitions also to the Division Officer.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there was any complaint in the petition dated 27-3-1108 that the Division Officers and other subordinate officers have not been attending to the proper upkeep of the canal?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I think so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Was anything done after receipt of that petition?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Action has been taken. The Division Officer has been asked to attend to the work immediately, and he has reported that one portion of the canal has already been set right and improved.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): After receipt of this petition?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Which portion of the canal, please?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): All that I can now say is that one portion of the canal has already been repaired.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Is the canal now deep enough for traffic in Warkala, Nadayara and Channankara?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The Division Officer has been asked to attend to the work emergently.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the Division Officer been impressed with the hardship caused to the people owing to the delay in the work, especially in these parts?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Emergent instructions have been issued to him to attend to the work.

Allotment under communications for each of the P. W. Divisions.

19. MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount allotted in 1108 for each of the P. W. Divisions under Communications?

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MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) A statement of the amounts allotted for each Division is given below:—

Serial No.	*Division.*	*Works.*	*Repairs.*	*Total.*
1	Alwaye	1,04,130	1,78,720	2,82,850
2	Kottayam	1,22,485	2,44,364	3,66,849
3	Quilon	1,44,390	2,68,908	4,13,298
4	Trivandrum	50,563	1,45,810	1,96,373
5	Nagercoil	21,830	1,25,725	1,47,555
		4,43,398	9,63,527	14,06,925

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why, of all the five Divisions the Nagercoil Division gets a comparatively smaller allotment?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The less developed Divisions now get more. The Nagercoil Division has in past years been getting comparatively very large allotments. It is therefore that the less developed Divisions have now been given more.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that in the Division where very extensive cultivation is carried on, there must be more roads, communications and other public works?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): As a matter of fact, Government *have* bestowed a great deal of attention on the Nagercoil Division in former years. They now consider that more money should be provided for other Divisions.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): What is the percentage of the total allotment that the Nagercoil Division now gets?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The member himself may make the calculation.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): I am a poor mathematician, Sir. (*Laughter.*)

Construction of a bridge at Kottuchirapatam ferry.

20. **MR. K. GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI** (*Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any amount is provided for the bridge at Kottuchirapatam ferry in Parur taluk, in the Budget for 1108; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have issued orders to take up the work, and, if not, why not?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Rs. 2,000 has been provided in the Budget for 1108.

(*b*) Yes.

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